

## KIDS' COLLECTION

In spite of appearances, the children's section has some semblance of order. The picture books (FIC) are alphabetically shelved by first letter of author's last name. Stories from the Bible or prayer collections are on a separate shelf with 200 numbers whereas legends and folklore are on another shelf of 300s. Poetry books lay flat with 800 numbers above the bottom shelf of general non fiction. Confusing? Of course.

The "inbetweeners", readers between children and adults, can find YA books in a designated section also.



## HONOR BOOKS

Members might consider donating books to the children's library to honor newborn family members. Barbara and Jeff Beck recently donated four books to honor their grandchild, Rowan...

The Peace Book, The Family Book, Zen Shorts, Where Does God Live?

*Susan Stangland is making a list of some noteworthy children's books with notes, available soon.*

## FACES OF THE ENEMY,

Reflections on the Hostile Imagination

Sam Keen's book was originally published in 1986 but as Sam notes for the new 2004 edition, sadly, the book "has never been more relevant than in the current state of warfare between the United States and its enemies---terrorists and the 'axis of evil'." Using posters and cartoons it illustrates how enemies are dehumanized so they may be destroyed without remorse. The new chapter on the emergence of militant Islam supports the earlier thesis about ways in which enmity and warfare are perpetuated.

There is an accompanying DVD, as well as a separate DVD of the same title featuring commentary track by Sam Keen and Bill Jersey.

### NEW OR NOTEWORTHY

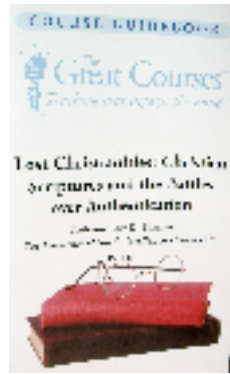
A novel of the Japanese internment, When the Emperor Was Divine, is written by Julie Otsuka, a local writer. It so aptly echoes the theme above, the face of the enemy. Our neighbors, the Japanese Americans became "them".

Amy Tan creates a cast of characters in Saving Fish from Drowning that befuddle themselves and amuse or irritate the reader as they play at being unwitting tourists and victims in Burma.

In The Year of Magical Thinking, Joan Didion writes of the first year after her husband's sudden death, about her loss, her grief, and her daughter's grave illness.

## GREAT COURSES

Donations to the library have recently included titles from Great Courses series produced by The Teaching Company.



Most are on cassette but newer titles are now CD. These titles can be found on the short bookcase in front of large window. Some but not all titles ...

Religions of the World  
Historical Jesus,  
Search for a Meaningful Past  
Early Christianity  
Bible and Western Culture

### DID YOU KNOW.....

...you can find books about our Congregational Church and Congregationalism on the shelves at 285.8?

...you can find some very readable books about birds in 598.2...such as Birds of Heaven, Beak of the Finch, Red Tails in Love, and Parrots of Telegraph Hill ?

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*Carole Wells, ed.*